



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re application of: Boney Mathew, et al.

RCE application of Serial No.: 09/494,837

Filed: 01/31/00

For: METHOD OF MAKING FLUOROCARBON COATED  
BRAIDED HOSE ASSEMBLIES

Attorney Docket No.: 0153.00084

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Mail Stop RCE  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application prior to consideration of the application on the merits. Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Granting the petition would extend the time for filing the Response to January 7, 2004. The appropriate petition fee of \$950 is enclosed herewith. Please amend the application as indicated below, consistent with the instructions found attached hereto:

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